

Ownership of US TV radio and newspapers should not be concentrated in the hands of a limited number of owners, some of which are not US citizens. It is necessary for us to encourage diverse and multiple ownership to preserve our democracy. It is too easy for the large conglomerates to manage the news and politics by their control and slant on the news. It makes it easier for a government to control and promote its self-servig propoganda. Even the US government is proposing a new TV broadcasting station in the Middle East so that it can get its own diversity "message" out to the Arabs. We are finding it more and more necessary to look to foreign news sources to find any diversity in the news. This country has prided itself in free speech but that is surely disappearing. We need also to be extremely careful that free speech is not replaced by fascism.